

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A turbine having a combustion system comprising:

a compressor adapted to produce compressed atmospheric air; and

a combustion system for mixing and combusting a fuel injected into the compressed atmospheric air to produce expanding gases[[:]] ,

said turbine being powered by the expanding gases; and

said combustion system comprising:

a first fuel supply to supply fuel to the compressed atmospheric air;

a heat exchanger comprising a catalyst section comprising a catalyst disposed within said catalyst section, and a cooling tube wherein the compressed air and the fuel flow through said catalyst section and the compressed air flows through the cooling tube; and

a second fuel supply to supply fuel to the compressed atmospheric air after the compressed atmospheric air has passed through said catalyst section.

14. (Previously Presented) The turbine of claim 13, wherein:

said catalyst section comprising a plurality of catalyst members, each extending parallel to a first axis;

said cooling tubes further comprising a plurality of cooling tubes, each extending parallel to a second axis generally parallel to said first axis for at least a selected length;

said catalyst members arranged to form a plurality of columns spaced transversely to said first axis and defining a plurality of channels; and

said cooling tubes arranged in a plurality of columns and extend a distance along said catalyst members and generally perpendicular to said channels.

15. (Previously Presented) The turbine of claim 14, said catalyst members, said cooling tubes and said channels defining a flow path for the compressed atmospheric air such that the compressed atmospheric air is adapted to receive thermal energy from said catalyst members by flowing through said channels and said cooling tubes.

16. (Previously Presented) The turbine of claim 14, further comprising:

thermal energy transfer to the compressed atmospheric air as the compressed atmospheric air flows through said heat exchanger such that the fuel from the first fuel supply is combusted via said catalyst.

17. (Previously Presented) The turbine of claim 14, further comprising:

a heat exchange area;

a pre-mix area for mixing a first portion of the fuel with the air; and

a main injector area comprising at least one injector for said catalyst members,
wherein:

a second portion of the fuel is mixed with the
compressed atmospheric air in said main injector; and

said main injector adapted to mix the second portion
of fuel with the compressed atmospheric air such that the
temperature throughout the area of the injector is
substantially equal.

18. (Previously Presented) The turbine of claim 17, said main injector operable to inject a fuel, comprising at least one of a hydrogen, a methane, a natural gas, a carbon based fuel, a Synthesis gas, and combinations thereof.

19. (Previously Presented) The turbine of claim 17, said main injector injecting at least two different fuels at different times with substantially similar results.

20. (Previously Presented) The turbine of claim 17, said at least one injector comprising a plurality of injectors, said plurality of injectors substantially mixing at least one of a methane fuel, a hydrogen fuel, a Synthesis fuel, a natural gas fuel, and combinations thereof with the oxidizer.

21. (Previously Presented) The turbine of claim 13, said catalyst section comprising a catalyst channel.

22-60. (Cancelled)

61. (Currently Amended) A combustion system for a turbine, comprising:
a compressor adapted to produce compressed atmospheric air; and
a combustion system for mixing and combusting a fuel injected into the compressed atmospheric air to produce expanding gases;
said turbine being powered by the expanding gases; and
said combustion system comprising:
a first fuel supply to supply fuel to the compressed atmospheric air;
a heat exchanger comprising a catalyst section comprising a catalyst disposed within said catalyst section, wherein the compressed air and the fuel flow through said catalyst section;
a second fuel supply to supply fuel to the compressed atmospheric air after the compressed atmospheric air has passed through said catalyst section;
said catalyst section comprising a plurality of catalyst members, each extending parallel to a first axis;
said heat exchanger further comprising a plurality of cooling tubes, each extending parallel to a second axis generally parallel to said first axis for at least a selected length;

said catalyst members arranged to form a plurality of columns spaced transversely to said first axis and defining a plurality of channels; and

said cooling tubes arranged in a plurality of columns and ~~extend~~ extending a distance along said catalyst members and generally perpendicular to said channels.

62. (Cancelled)

63. (Previously Presented) The combustion system of claim 61, said catalyst members, said cooling tubes and said channels defining a flow path for the compressed atmospheric air such that the compressed atmospheric air is adapted to receive thermal energy from said catalyst members by flowing through said channels and said cooling tubes.

64. (Previously Presented) The combustion system of claim 61, further comprising:

thermal energy transfer to the compressed atmospheric air as the compressed atmospheric air flows through said heat exchanger such that the fuel from the first fuel supply is combusted via said catalyst.

65. (Currently Amended) A combustion system for a turbine, comprising:
a compressor adapted to produce compressed atmospheric air; and

a combustion system for mixing and combusting a fuel injected into the compressed atmospheric air to produce expanding gases~~[[;]]~~ ,

said turbine being powered by the expanding gases; ~~[[and]]~~

said combustion system comprising:

a first fuel supply apparatus to supply fuel to the compressed atmospheric air;

a heat exchanger system comprising a catalyst section comprising a catalyst disposed within said catalyst section, wherein the compressed air and the fuel flow through said catalyst section;

a second fuel supply apparatus to supply fuel to the compressed atmospheric air after the compressed atmospheric air has passed through said catalyst section;
and

said catalyst section comprising a plurality of catalyst members;

~~said turbine being powered by the expanding gases and further comprising:~~

~~a heat exchange area;~~

a pre-mix area interconnected with the heat exchanger system for mixing a first portion of the fuel from the first fuel supply apparatus with the compressed atmospheric air; and

a main injector ~~[[area]]~~ member interconnected with the heat exchanger system ~~and comprising including~~ at least one injector operably coupled to ~~[[for]]~~ said catalyst members;

a ~~second~~ portion of the fuel from the second fuel supply apparatus being mixed with the compressed atmospheric air in said main injector member; and

said main injector member adapted to mix the ~~second~~ portion of the fuel from the second fuel supply apparatus with the compressed atmospheric air such that ~~[[the]]~~ a temperature throughout ~~the area of the~~ main injector member is substantially equal.

66. (Currently Amended) The combustion system of claim 65, said main injector member operable to inject a fuel, comprising at least one of a hydrogen, a methane, a natural gas, a carbon based fuel, a Synthesis gas, and combinations thereof.

67. (Currently Amended) The combustion system of claim 65, said main injector member injecting at least two different fuels at different times ~~with substantially similar results~~ while maintaining the temperature throughout the main injector member substantially equal.

68. (Previously Presented) The combustion system of claim 65, said at least one injector comprising a plurality of injectors, said plurality of injectors substantially mixing at least one of a methane fuel, a hydrogen fuel, a Synthesis fuel, a natural gas fuel, and combinations thereof with the oxidizer.